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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application

Inventor(s): Kouichi Mivamoto, et al. Confirmation No.

Serial No.: 09/647,833

Group Art Unit: 3761

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Title:

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1. [X] No additional fee is known to be required.

2. [] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	* 10	MINUS	** 10	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 =	\$0.00
					TOTAL	\$0.00

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. I of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.
- 3. [] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
- 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
  - a. [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
  - b. [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of 10/25/01, the Applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 to read as herewith submitted on a separate page in clean form in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(i). A version of the amended claim marked up to show changes is also herewith submitted on a separate page in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).